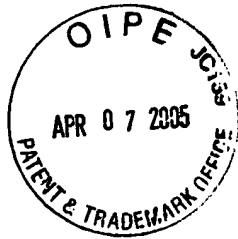


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 11, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application to place it in *prima facie* condition for allowance as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: There are no amendments to the specification in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims: The listing of the claims begins at page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: There are no amendments to the drawings in this paper.

Remarks: The "Remarks" section begins at page 7 of this paper.